



The Flying Eagle

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ORDER OF THE ARROW UNIVERSITY SET TO BE AT LATIMER

March 7-9, You have the opportunity to go to one of the absolute best Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge events of the year: Order of the Arrow University (OAU). What is OAU? OAU is the lodge's premier spring training event. Its purpose: to give our lodge leaders all of the tools you need to succeed in scouts, and in life. Who do we need there? ALL of our lodge members. All of our members are leaders as Scouts and it is the lodge's goal to continually develop their talents.

The morning will consist of three tracks: Leadership, Ceremonies, OA studies. The Leadership and ceremonies tracks are designed for those Arrowmen looking for an in-depth learning experience in their respective areas. Some of the lodge's most experienced leaders and ceremonialists will be teaching the sessions. The OA studies track is designed for the newer Arrowmen looking to get involved who seek to know more about the Wa

-Hi-Nasa Lodge and the Order in general.



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Afternoon sessions will be more concentrated on some exciting opportunities for all of our members. These will include, but are not limited to, patch trading for beginners, how

to be an elangomat, special lodge programs, much more.

After all of the classes are done, this event has plenty of fun and surprises for all participants. Have you ever mountain biked at Latimer?

Have you gotten a peek at the new dining hall? Have you used the new observatory? Have you looked at the stars on the mountains?

Come on out to OAU this March 7-9. You will meet new people, learn as much as you want, and leave with knowledge and memories.

You can sign up on the lodge website (www.wa-hi-nasa.org) or by mail. Your registration takes care of the stay at Latimer, all of your food, a patch, and all of the training and great instruction.

The Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge is excited about this phenomenal event coming up and Arrowmen should be excited to join others as a NEW FRONTIER is entered.

It's Unit Elections Time...In Middle Tennessee!

How are does the membership of the Order of the Arrow grow? The Lodge must elect and then induct new members! The process starts with the election. The chapters of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge have a very important responsibility to the lodge as they serve their districts. The chap-

ter is responsible for putting together teams to go out into the troops to conduct these elections. This is always done during the "Unit Election Season" which is always during the first few months of the year.

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Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowman,

Already we have started the year tremendously with the success of both Winter Camps at Boxwell Reservation and Latimer. For all of you who helped, I'd like to thank you for your service and valiant efforts to make this Winter Camp great. I'd also like to give a special thanks to Michael Granier and Gary Wilkerson for a such a smooth Winter Camp.

All of our lodge members and especially our lodge leaders need to be trained. It is through training that our leaders will gain the tools and skills needed to best serve the members of our lodge. Those of you who have taken an oath to serve a chairmanship or office this year, and those of you who would like to serve soon, you should attend OAU (Order of the Arrow University). Jack Adamson has some great plans in store for you at Latimer on March 7th thru the 9th and You can sign up online or through our Council Office. I cannot wait to see our Lodge leaders there!

Also, the last weekend in February, the Southern Region of the Order of the Arrow is hosting a National



Lodge Chief Andrew Whitaker

Leadership Seminar in Nashville, TN. Wa-Hi-Nasa will be supporting this event by sending a small contingent and also providing a Cracker-barrel for all the participants from the Southern Region at the event.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Andrew Whitaker



High Adventure. OA Style.

Take a look outside, and imagine yourself in the most serene, lush, and beautiful scenery in the middle of the wilderness. You begin to reflect on your life with the sound of water flowing over the rocks, with the chirping birds, and with a beautiful sunrise overhead. Now imagine yourself experiencing this at any of the Order of the Arrow's high adventure programs.

There are five Order of the Arrow High Adventure program: OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch; OA Wilderness Voyage and OA Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier High Adventure Base; OA Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base; and the OA's newest high adventure program at The Summit. Each program starts with a period of service, ranging from trail building to removing invasive species, followed by a time of recreation at the base.

Each program is a unique experience, however, all are life changing. Matt Dihadoorian, a Philmont Order of the Arrow Trail Crew participant, describes his experience at Philmont OA Trail Crew. "It made me realize that nothing is impossible, you just have to work your best with your crew in order to accomplish something great," he said. Dihadoorian said OA Trail Crew caused him to reflect on your inner self, to reach in and mentally tell yourself, "I can conquer this hill."

Taking the opportunity to use your next summer to connect with the environment, and to better yourself in the process, will help you as you take on bigger opportunities to cheerfully serve others, while inspiring others to exceed their limits. To get involved, contact the local Lodge leadership or find registration information at adventure.oa-bsa.org



Section Vice Chief Hunter Jones and his crew stand proud next to a work project at Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure. "If you're going to do any High Adventure, you've got to do it with the OA. There's no other way," said Jones.

Adviser's Corner

When talking to new parents at our troop, I explain that the Boy Scout program is the greatest Leadership Training program in the world for young men. If you want to know about planning, leadership, delegation and getting successful results from youth, BSA Training is the way to fulfill that need.

Maybe I should not say the "greatest" to those parents anymore. After attending Order

of the Arrow training events, my opinion has changed. While BSA Training and experience is a necessary foundation for leadership training, the Order of the Arrow takes over at that point and moves it up several levels. If you consider BSA training on the level of "higher education," then consider OA training as a "graduate-school" level of leadership training. And all of this is in the context of a youth-led program.

Order of the Arrow training may prepare an Arrowman to lead a weekend event such as Ordeal, providing 3,500 hours of service to our Council. Or, to be the chairman in charge of a Winter Camp week which gives a thousand scouts a Boxwell or Latimer experience. Planning, delegation, focus on the goal, and execution--all within a servant leadership concept--are the goals of many OA training classes.

I am impressed that every Order of the Arrow event has some level of training involved. Skills are taught by experienced Arrowmen in a classroom, or with hands-on involvement in getting a project finished. I have personally benefited by learning CPR, advanced first aid, trail building, and outdoor skills through OA training.

Two upcoming events have a high

level of training opportunities involved. I encourage you to attend **Order of the Arrow University** and **Conclave**.



Lodge Adviser Bobby Brown

Vice Chief Jack Adamson is in charge of planning **Order of the Arrow University (OAU)**. The schedule includes training opportunities for all Arrowmen. Plan for a fun weekend March 7-9 at Latimer High Adventure Reservation while learning more about the OA, as well as valuable ways to improve your skills in service.

The Section **Conclave** in April will be a great weekend of fellowship with Arrowmen from five states, and the Saturday morning training sessions promise to be beneficial to all who attend.

Why is training important in the OA? 2014 has been designated as the Year of the Lodge. The emphasis is on strengthening the Lodge and Chapters by focusing on programs and membership. How do we strengthen our programs and membership? By reviewing our current program, learning how the program works, reviewing strengths and weaknesses, and working to make the program better. Those processes are what we will do at OAU and our other training during the year.

Yours in Service,

Bobby W. Brown
Lodge Adviser

UNIT ELECTIONS

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Unit elections are very important in many ways. The first, is that they begin to usher in the new members of the Lodge. Without these elections, the Ordeals would have no one to induct! New members are the lifeblood of our organization. Second, election for induction into the Order of the Arrow by a unit is an honoring way for the troops to recognize and reward the outstanding service of the members in the troop. Each and every Arrowman can remember that sense of pride, joy, and probably curiosity for what laid ahead when the election results were announced or a call out ceremony was held.

The role of each and every Wa-Hi-Nasa Arrowman during this unit election season is to: 1. Make sure that your own troop has a unit election for the OA. Your greatest responsibility is to your unit, so make sure that you coordinate this event. 2. Contact your chapter and find out how you can get involved on a unit elections team. The youth of the lodge conduct the elections and we also need adults in the lodge to advise and oversee the work of the elections team.

Help ensure the growth and future of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge by getting involved in the Unit Election process. Your invaluable work will help ensure the strong and bright future of this lodge.

SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE (NOAC)

**Aug 3-8, 2015 — Michigan State University
Come Celebrate 100 Years of OA!**

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Boy Scouts Of America
P.O. Box 150409
3414 Hillsboro Road
Nashville, TN 37215

2014 SR-6 Conclave @ Camp McKee, Kentucky
Registration at oasection6.org

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2014 Lodge Calendar

OA University @ Latimer	March 7-9
SR-6 Conclave	April 25-7
Spring Ordeal @ Boxwell	May 30– June 1
Fall Ordeal @ Boxwell	August 8-10
Fall Fellowship @ Boxwell	Sept 12-14
Winter Banquet	December 6
Winter Camp	December 27-31

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